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## (54) AUTOMATIC ASTIGMATISM CORRECTING **METHOD**

## (57) Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain an optimal corrective quantity to correct astigmatism in lens procedures.

direction to correct The correcting SOLUTION: astigmatism is found (STEP 1), and scanning is performed in the two directions of the found correcting direction and the direction orthogonal to the correcting direction while changing a focal position to a sample, and bidirectional astigmatic quantities are found (STEP 2), and a corrective quantity by which the found bidirectional astigmatic quantities coincide with each other is found (STEP 3 and 4) in the positional relationship in which a focal position to the sample is the same. Astigmatism is corrected (STEP 5 and 6) by using these correcting direction and corrective quantity.

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